# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

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RGNDWM AFFECTED DUE TO POWER SHORTAGE
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**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problem being faced in rural areas of the country affecting the operation of Projected Water Supply Schemes due to power shortage;

(b) if so, whether the RGNDWM is also facing the negative impact of power shortage; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ease and solve this problem?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a), (b) & (c) Water Supply being a State subject, schemes for providing drinking water supply facilities to the rural habitations are implemented by the State Governments with their own resources. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Prime Minister`s Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY)-Rural Drinking Water. Powers to plan, sanction & implement individual rural water supply schemes have been delegated to the State Governments. Usually, water supply is provided to the rural habitations by means of hand pumps, tubewells, gravity schemes from natural springs or piped water supply schemes, etc. Power supply is required only for tubewells and pipe water supply schemes and that too only when the scheme is operated. No major problems affecting the operation of water supply schemes due to power shortage has been brought to the notice of the Central Government by the State Governments.